SHRI B.J. PANDA: Sir, I did not get my specific question answered...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, my question is this...*(Interruptions)*... This is correct, Sir, that you have demonstrated this technology. But are you planning to introduce any legislation making it mandatory that certain minimum number of vehicles or certain percentage of vehicles have to utilise this technology?

श्री विलास मुत्तेमवार: सर, जैसा मैंने कहा कि अभी हम इस दिशा में संशोधन के प्रोसेस में चल रहे हैं। इसके लिए मंत्रालय ने एक रोड मैप बनाने की पहल की है। उस रोड मैप में हमने सरकार, उद्योग जगत और संशोधन संस्थाओं को मिलाया है। यह बहुत बड़ी उपलब्धि है कि इसमें सारे लोग इकट्ठे आए हैं और उद्योगपति श्री रतन टाटा की अध्यक्षता में यह समिति बनी है। इसमें ऑटोमोबाइल इंडस्ट्री के लोग भी हैं। यह प्रयास भी किए जा रहे हैं कि हम किन्हीं तथ्यों पर पहुंचें। यह जो रोड मैप की भूमिका है, इसको हम साल के मध्याह्न तक जाहिर कर देंगे। आने वाले दिनों में, हमारी भी यह कोशिश है कि ऑटोमोबाइल इंडस्ट्री में, हाइड्रोजन फ्युअल का उपयोग हो, ताकि हमें पैट्रोल और डीजल इम्पोर्ट न करना पड़े। हम इस दिशा में, बहुत प्रगति के साथ और बड़े भरोसे के साथ जा रहे हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad. He is not here.

Free Trade Agreements with other nations

*207. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the nations with which India has entered into a Free Trade Agreement;

(b) the balance of trade with each of those nations;

(c) whether Government are mulling any steps to ensure a favourable balance of trade with those nations with which there is negative balance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) India has entered into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Sri Lanka w.e.f. 28th December, 1998.

(b) As per statistical data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, India has a favourable Balance of Trade with Sri Lanka, since 2000-01 as given below:

Year	Trade Balance (Value in US$ million)
2000-01	584.69
2001-02	563.51
2002-03	830.16
2003-04	1125.93
2004-05 (Apr.-Nov.)	692.39

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister as to what has been his experience so far as the Free Trade Agreements are concerned. I am told that India has entered into an FTA with Sri Lanka. There is a framework to get into an FTA with Thailand also. The framework has been prepared. If so, what has been the Government's experience; whether the Indian Government is getting benefited by this or whether the Sri Lankan Government is getting benefited by this; and whether the third countries are also using the Sri Lankan route to get the benefit as far as tea industry is concerned.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, this was the first Free Trade Agreement which we had, and over a period of time, both the countries are gaining experience in this. Of course, there are problems where there are accusations and allegations that there is some switch trade taking place and the certificate of origin is not very correct. These apprehensions were expressed in the case of pepper. They were also expressed in the case of cloves. As I said, Sir, this is the first such Free Trade Agreement. For India it is a new experience. For Sri Lanka also, it is a new experience. When this Trade Agreement took place, the trade has substantially improved. All figures show that both India's exports to Sri Lanka and India's imports from Sri Lanka have increased.

India's exports to Sri Lanka in 2001-02 were to the tune of 630.89 million dollars and India's imports were to the tune of 67 million dollars. Now, India's exports to Sri Lanka are to the tune of 888.76 million dollars and India's imports are to the tune of 1.96 million dollars. The balance of trade is in India's favour. There are complaints about switch trade in the case of pepper and clove and there has also been some apprehension about tea.

The imports of tea under this Agreement is very negligible as our records show.

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Sir, I want to know very precisely...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: This is my second supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

India's exports share in international trade market

*208. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total percentage of Indian export share at present in the international trade market;

(b) what are the major products; and

(c) what is the ratio between export and import?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the latest Economic Survey, India's export share in world exports was 0.8% in 2003.

(b) The major export products include textiles, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, chemical and related products, agricultural and allied products and petroleum products.

(c) According to the provisional data provided by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the ratio between export and import in 2003-04 is 82:100.

Conviction rate under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1989

*209. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conviction rate under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has been abysmally